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## ATLANTIC LEADS YACHTS TO SEA

Greatest Boat Race of Century Begins, American Ship First.

#### SANDY HOOK START INSPIRING SIGHT

Utowana and Valhalla Narrowly Escape Collision-Fleet When Last Seen Made Line Six Miles Long-German Hamburg Hanging Close to Barr's Boat.

NEW YORK, May 17 .- A splendid fleet of sailing yachts swept across a starting Sandy Hook lightship at 12:11 P. M. to-day, and, with the queenly American schooner Atlantic leading the headed out into the broad ocean on a race of 3.000 miles to the English coast for a \$5,000 cup offered by Emperor William, of Germany.

When last seen, as they vanished into the mist, they were strung out in a line six miles long, heading southeastward and pointing as nearly as possible to a wind that was dead ahead. A quarter o a mile astern of the Atlantic was the 90 foot American vawl Allsa, which was having a hot brush with the German schooner Hamburg, while all three of the leaders were slowly dropping the Phila delphia schooner Hildegarde. Next wa the Endymion, holder of the Transatian tic yachting record. Almost a mile astern of the Atlantic and more than half a mile astern of the Endymion, were the Thistle and Fleur De Lis. Strung out wana. Bringing up the rear was the British clipper ship Valhalla. These two had been delayed by a bad start.

Square Riggers Handicapped. Square Riggers Handicapped.

Leaden skies, low hanging leaden clouds, a moderate east wind, were the unfavorable conditions under which the great ocean race was started and the three big square rigged vessels were handicapped at the very start; for at beating to windward in a light air, their spreading courses and bulging topsalls were not to be compared with the hard fitting for and aft canvas of the trim schooners.

Despite the lowering weather conditions, the start of the great and heterogeneous fleet was inspiring. After the postpone-

their anchorage within the shelter o in their anchorage within the shelter of Sandy Hook last night. The fog of the day previous had lifted considerably, but still hung low and obscured the vision beyond a few miles. The German schooner Hamburg was the first to leave the anchorage and pass out through Gedney's Channel. The Valhalia, Alisa and Thistle followed and before 10:39, the fleet was steaming in tow out through the channel toward the lightship and past the stranded Cunard Liner Caronia, whose passengers crowded to the ralls to witcest the procession.

The Blue Peter, giving warning of im departure, was run up on the

Inspiring Sight.

was an inspiring spectacle. Near ine the small Allsa, bearing every of the racer, was engaged in a

Inspiring Signt.

It was an inspiring spectacle. Near the line the small Alisa, hearing every mark of the racer, was engaged in a jockeying match with the Hildegarde, and to avoid being forced across the line prematurely performed some startling manoeuvers. Behind them, to the north and east, the fleet was spread out in fan shape. Close astern of the leaders was the Atlantic, where Captain Charles Barr had placed her in well timed position. The Endymion, Hamburg and Thistle swept down toward the line from a windward position, and crowding close upon the quarter of the later was the majestic Valhalia, whose overy mast was a leaning spire of towering canvas genity bellying before the breeze and sweeping her toward the line. Still further away were the Sunbeam and Apache, taking plenty of sea room to pile on sail and get under way.

Almost at the flash of the starting gun the Alisa and Hildegarde went across the line, with the yawl slightly in the lead and in the windward position. Crowding close behind them came the Atlantic, Endymion, Hamburg, Thistie, Utowana and Valhalia, in that order.

As the vessels crowded together at the windward of the starting line, each captain anxious to secure the weather position, the schooners in the lead, crowded the Utowana and Valhalia so Ladly that they were unable to cross the line without a collision. They approached the ine from such a direction that the other yachts were crossing their bows, yet they held to their course so long that the Utowana, the leader of the two, became pocketed so that she could not turn about. Both she and the Valhalla bore down upon the schooners threateningly, Passing between a tug and the committee bout, it looked as though they were going to smash into the Atlantic and Endymion, and an order came from the committee to go about and cross the line properly.

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA. May 17.—The committee appointed to visit and report the condition of the State Asylum for the Insane, returned a sensational account to the Legislature at Tallahasses to-day, charging that the board in charge of the institution is responsible for deeplorable conditions and unpardonable evils in the asylum. The report declares that the institution is not a hospital for the insane, but a dumping ground for all kinds of people, who are maintained at enormous expense to the State. No systematic effort is made or treatment given to restore the mentality of the patients, the report says, and the sick have not been given necessary attention. It charges drunkenness among the attendants and nurses, who have been brutally cruel in their treatment of helpiless natients. Vice and immorality, it declares, have prevailed until the inmates have begged to be removed and nearby citizens have been outraged by the conditions. It further states that no accurate accounts of expenditures have been kept, and the committee infers that there has been misappropriation of funds.

line properly.

Barely in time to prevent a collision Eurely in time to prevent a collision the fleet made an opening for them, and they went through them and swung into line. Warning whistles and signal flags recalled them, but not until they had gone more than half a mile on their course, and were able to get clear of the fleet and return and recross the line.

In the meantime the little schooner, Fleur de Lis, the smallest of the fleet, on which Miss Candace Stimson, the course's daughter, was a passenger, slipowner's daughter, was a passenger, sllp-

(Continued on Third Page.) Our customers call us the toilet and perfumery store because we have the largest stock of the finest, delicate, tasting perfumes in the city. Give us a call, it will rive us pleasure to show you our stock. WAGNER DRUG CO. The Toilet and Perfumery Drugslet. Open all night.

### STILL TALKING OF HIGH SCHOOL

Architects and Members of the School Board Discuss Matter.

#### BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED TO-NIGHT

Board Members Feel Their Capability to Handle Matters Relating to Construction.

Unsuccessful Architects May Appear Before Committee.

There is no matter which is attractin more public interest locally at this time than that which relates to the recen tentative award of the contract for the Mr. Charles K. Bryant.

sition to say that this interest has interfaction, both among experts and laymen many of whom have had opportunities to view the plans of Mr. Bryant and of the other competing architects.

The School Board will meet to-night for the purpose of discussing the matter unlikely be the adoption of a resolution asking that the report of the special joint committee be rejected, and that

The School Board recognizes that it has no authority in the matter further memorialize the Council, but this will almost surely be done.

the money for school buildings, and they have been constructed under the they have been constructed under the supervision of the board. Buildings thus constructed stand all over the city as constructed stand all over the city as monuments to the skill and interest of the members. The most recent of these is that which stands hard by Chimborazo Park, and which has been dedicated only a short while ago.

Have Atm.

#### Have Always Managed.

It is a significant fact that the School Board has always lived within its appro-priations, and has managed its affair: so as to reflect credit upon the schools and the city. The members do feel that they are capable of pursuing their past policy of looking after the work of of the proposed new High School build-ing will be arduous, and that their greatest concern is to have it properly done, to whomsoever it may be finally

One of them said last night that the board wanted the appropriation of \$300,000 and after this a proper building. If the Council committee should take charge

#### May be Rejected.

It is in the province of that body t

matter be reterred rack to the Council
with the request that it be reoponed.

Among those who had in plans other
than those of Mossrs. Bryant and Blau
velt are Messrs. Noland and Baskervilla
and E. T. D. Myers, Jr. They all clain
their plans are superior to those adopted
Mr. Henry J. Blauvelt, between whose
plans and those of Mr. Bryant the bat
the spelly parrowed, made a statemen tle finally narrowed, made a statemen yesterday

#### Didn't Start It.

NURSES DRUNK AND

"I was out of the city until Saturday," said Mr. Blauvelt, "and had nothing whatever to do with precipitating this (Continued on Third Page.)

PATIENTS HELPLESS

Prevail in Florida State

(By Associated Press.)

Asylum.

## ANOTHER WENTZ CASE

#### Deplorable Conditions Said to A Bristol Merchant Has Been Missing for Two Weeks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, TENN., May 17,-That rugged, frowning region of mystery, Black Mountain, in Southwest Virginia, is now to the front with another disappearance, which recalls the search for Edward L Wentz, a young Philadelphian, who mys-teriously disappeared in that region in October, 1903.

teriously disappeared in that region in October, 1903.

J. Hurvey Wood, a Bristol merchant, left his home more than two weeks ago, the was traced by his relatives as far as Big Stons Gap, Va. There he had purchased a ticket for Pennington Gap, a station at the foot of —ack mountain, in Lee county. The family has been unable to trace him any farther and it is now a matter of mystery what has become of him.

A few weeks prior to the disappearance of Wentz, John B. Gearnard, a Bristol insurance man, disappeared in the same region. Nothing is known as to what became of him.

Mr. Woodss' wife is deeply distressed about his strange disappearance, She has closed up the home here and is how with her relatives at Marion, Va.



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CONDITIONS YESTERDAY

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Moon rises. 7:15 Evening. 4:9

Remarkable Story Told by George Wood in New

Jersey Court.

KILLING

SOMERVILLE, N. J., May 17 .- A re

narkable psychological problem was pre

sented for the study of the many alien

ists in the court to-day when the trial

of George Wood, for the murder of

chung, was resumed. Wood, who, accord ing to his counsel, is the victim of

is under the influence of purely imagi-

Wood as "Wolf." "Mack" and "a little

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# ELECTROCUTED

Two Fatal Accidents in Newport News in an Hour.

#### BODY HELD UP BY LIFE BELT

Prominent Young Georgian Killed by a Line on the Ground.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 17.—Two nen were accidentally electrocuted within an hour here to-day.

At 11:45 o'clock Earl Gilchrist, thirty years old, employed as a lineman by the Southern Bell Telephone Company, was shocked to death on a pole at Huntington Avenue and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway tracks. The young man was cutting down a number of dead wires. He had just cut four wires and was holding them in his hand when they sagged down and came in contact with an electric light wire some feet below. The first shock probably killed the lineman. A negro helper, who was on the ground, could not go up the pole, because he had no "climbers," and he ran off for assistance. A wagon with several employes of the company arrived on the scene, and in about fifteen minutes the badly scorched body, which was hanging to the pole by a life-belt, was lowered to the ground.

The coroner's jury brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury, find that the deceased came to his death by a shock of electricity, while in the employ of the Southern Bell Telephone Company." was holding them in his hand when they

Gilchrist was a member of the electri cal workers' union, and the union is arranging for the fruitral. Gilchrist was a native of Lynchburg.

A Second Victim. At 12:45 o'clock Ashby Harris, a well nown young man, whose family was one f the most prominent in Georgia, was illed by coming in contact with an elec-ric light wire, which had fallen to the wire, which had fallen to the n Thirty-fourth Street, near

wire when a man with a rubber blanket rushed up and dragged him away. A faint spark of life was left in the body, but efforts to save him were in vain. Chief of Bolice Johnson, who was the roommate of Gilchrist at Roanoke College, has notified his uncle, Mr. D. G. Purse, commissioner of freights at Savannah, Ga.

Harris was a native of Americus, Ga. His father was a Georgian, who went to New Jersey soon after the war and was elected United States senator. His mother was a Miss Ashby, of Warrenton, Va. counsel and the rigorous cross question ing of the prosecutor. Wood preserved a perfectly caim demeanor, and replied to all questions promptly and straightforwardly and in a fashlon logically consistent with his, declared belief that he is possessed of "familiars" whose mandates he is researchilly compalled to obey

ton. Va. Arrangements for the funeral have not (Continued on Third Page.)

## VIRGINIA MAN SUES **EQUITABLE SOCIETY**

Wood denied that he had ever known Williams, or that he had ever seen him Williams, or that he had ever seen him Williams? When the direct question, "Did you kill George Williams?" was put to him by his counsel, he replied: "No, positively, I did not." Wood said that Wolf had always been his evil genius, and had made much trouble for him. "When Wolf ordered me to the security thing, I had to do it." he said.

do a certain thing I had to do it," he said, "I could not disobey him."

### **NOWANTHELP** TO-DAY.

The 22 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

2 Domestics. 4 Trades. 13 Miscellaneous 3 Office.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to in-prove their positions 2s well,

# **VERY BUSY DAY**

Colonel Harwood Delivered Address at Memorial Services in the Morning.

#### LABEAUME DEFENDS HIMSELF

Interesting Reports Show Conditions in Order-Reference to Railroads.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.) SAVANNAH, GA., May 17 .- In service mourning those who have passed to the the National Travelers' Protective Assobusiness of the convention could be bethe report of Secretary and Treasurer minute, and was accorded the warmest a defense of his administration. The report of the legislative committee, offered by Coloni John S. Harwood, was also a

was a trip down to coent.

To-morrow the Virginia party will be given a tally-ho ride, and the whole convention will visit "Tybee," Savannah's famous seaside resort.

Friday officers will be elected, and there may be some lively scenes. It is said to-night that Labeaume will be relected secretary and treasurer, but the friends of T. Schuyler Logan, of Indiana, say their man is a winner.

Colonel Harwood Speaks.

Colonel Harwood Speaks. Ladies filled the greater portion of the large hall this morning when memorial services were held in remembrance of who, during the past year, away the grip forever. Singularly sweet and touching was the music of the occa-sion. Many eyes were moist when Mr.

gem.
Colonel John S. Harwood, of Richmond, orator of the occasion, was then presented by National President Starr. The well known Richmonder well sustained the reputation of Virginia as the hirthplace of orators. Beautiful were the tributes paid by the orator to those who have passed away. Many he called by name, beginning with Virginius Newton, of Richmond. As each name was called the delegates from the State of each dead member rose and stood with (Continued on Third rage.)

Share in Excess of

Surplus.

## DIED ON ROSTRUM DURING MEETING

President of India University Expired at the Convention.

#### NORTH AND SOUTH JOIN HANDS AGAIN

Dr. Hatcher Makes Notable Speech, After Which General Convention of Baptists of North America Was Organized-Scope of New Body Outlined.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 17.—Organization of a premanent body to be known as the General Convention of Baptists of North America, was perfected to-day by the election of the following officers: President E' W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo. dent, E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo.; First Vice-President, E. M. Dresser, of Ohio; Second Vice-President, Joshua Levering, of Maryland; Third Vice-rresi-dent, Thomas B. Trotter, of Nova Scotia; Secretary, J. S. Prestridge, of Kontucky; Treasurer, H. E. Kirk, of Porter, Pa. The Executive Committee Includes W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia.

#### Dr. Cushing Stricken. Just as the Baptist Convention was about to adjourn to-day, Dr. Josiah M. Cushing, president of the Baptist University, Ran-

president of the Sapisa University, Raingoon, India, was stricken while occupying a seat on the rostrum and fell dying to the floor. While waiting for the arrival of an ambulance, a prayer was offered for Dr. Cushing. Before the arrival of medical assistance, Dr. Cushing died.

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Rov. Dr. Edward Judson, of New York, son of Adoniram Judson, who was one of the first missionaries of the Baptist Church, made a motion that ...e report be adopted.

The motion was seconced by Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia. "I think there is wisdom and strength in the adoption of this plan of unfting the Baptists of the North and South, said he: "This action" sends a message to the butside and tells friends and critics alike that so far as the American Baptists are concerned, there is an infinite difference between separation and division. We are separated in our work, but this action will declare to the world that we are not divided. There are now no causes that stand in the way of our union of heart and cordial fraternity. In closing, I want to say that, although I am a Democrat, I think that the power of one man to unify this country and help towards effecting a unity of the world has been the supreme event in American history. I feel that we must be united, not only in the church, for the one great purpose that may lead to the salvation of the nations. I therefore, with great heartliness and all cordiality, second the motion to adopt this committee's resolution."

Immediately upon the conclusion of Dr. Hatcher's speech, the convention spontaneously burst into the singing of "All Hall the Power of Jesus' Name." The report of the committee recommending permanent organization was then read and adopted, section by section. The name of the organization is designated as the General Convention of Baptists of North America. It is to have no authority except that exercised by the weight of its opinions. It is not to interfere with the affairs of either of the existing organizations. The next meeting is to be held in 1996, and after that meetings are to be held triennially.

#### DOUGLAS DECIDES AGAINST STRIKERS

BOSTON, MASS., May 17.—In a statement issued to-day, Governor Douglas, as referee in the settlement of the Fall River textile strike of 1904, finds that a River textile strike of 1994, finds that a partial restoration of wages is not warranted. When the strike was settled in January last through Governor Douglas's Intervention, he was empowered to fix a margin of profit at which operatives would receive an increase of wages. The Governor reports that the conditions during the months between January and April were not such as to warrant an increase.

IPLANS NEARLY READY

FOR NEW JEFFERSON

The Preliminary Design Decided

Upon and Four Architects

Are Busily Working.

The Japanese set ofders from this varieties at right time.

The state of martial law, first declared at Tamsul, Island of Formosa, and subsequently made general throughout the island, has been followed by the appointment of a military executive and the moving of the women and children from the Pescadore Islands to Formosa.

## ROJESTVENSKY TO RETURN HOME

down, Says Report. **GREAT BATTLE NOW** 

Commander of Fleet Suf-

fers Nervous Break-

### HOURLY EXPECTED

Japanese Concentrating South of Formosa-Manchurian Forces Ready for Fight-Russian Admiral Said to Have Shown Absolute Disregard for Neutrality Laws.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 17 .- Very dis-

quieting reports are in circulation this about Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's health. It is said that he has telepossible for him to proceed. An evening has suffered a nervous breakdown. No Rojestvensky has requested to be releved from duty is obtainable at the admiralty. Nevertheless, the Admiral's able anxiety here. It is well known that he suffered from kidney trouble before leaving Cronstadt, and throughout the long voyage to the far East he suffered at times to such an extent that he had to be carried about on a stretcher. But the Russian commander stuck bravely to his post. If he is now compelled, on the eve of battle, to give up his command, the admiralty would regard it usilittle short of a national misfortune. Rojestvensky has proved to be a genius as an organizer, and confidence is felt that he will show equal ability as anghter. Should Rojestvensky be compelled to leave the fleet, the command will devolve on Rear Admiral Voelkersam, who is now with Rojestvensky. It is announced from Cronstadt that Vice Admiral Birliff, commander-in-chief, at the Baltic ports, has ordered the commanders of the fourth division of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet to hold their ships in readlness to leave for the far East by June 14th, without fail.

Great Events Impending. mand, the admiralty would regard it as

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May 18—2:40 A. M.—With a suspicious stoppage of dispatches from Manchuria and a strong possibility that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky has cut his last communication with home and set forth on the state of the state of

heatile fleets.
Captain Clado confirmed the statement of the Associated Press that the vessels of both squadrons are equipped with apparatus for cleaning their bottoms at sea. He said it was entirely possible for Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff to put the inst finishing touches to the vessels of his division during the mysterious interval when they were lost to sight be-

the rumored request of Vice-Admiral Rojostvensky to be relieved and all who were questioned regarding the report, expressed doubts of its accuracy.

On the military side, the indications are that events are rapidly shaping for the preliminary stage of another great battle. The Russian army has been refitted and is ready for action and it is asserted that General Linevitch is not-the man to waste days in inaction. he man to waste days in inaction.

A further mobilization of caval two districts was ordered to-day

### FIGHT NEAR FORMOSA.

(By Associated Press.)

AMOY, CHINA, May 17.—It is believed that part of the Japaness fleet is taking up a position below Formosa and that Admiral Togo has planned to fight the Russians south of Formosa.

The Japaness get orders from this visitive it night time.

#### DISREGARDED LAWS.

SAIGON, COCHIN CHINA, May 17.—
Admiral De Jonquieres, the French naval commander at Saigon, who has been crilising along the Annam coast on the cruiser Guichen, returned here to-day, According to the reports gathered concerning the Russian fleet, Admiral Rejestvensky showed absolute disregard of the discussions on the subject of neutrality. The Russian commander proceeded as if his person gave him complete independence. He declared that he acted on his own judgment and said that criticisms did not change his opinion. Iron discipline, it is added, was maintained on board the Russian warships.

A correspondent of a Hanol newspaper who was said to have been lost off Port Dayet, forty miles north of Kamranh Bay, was rescued by a junk and brought here. While on the junk, the correspondent saw thirty Russian warships anchored in the bay. Are Busily Working.

Every citizen of Richmond is interested in knowing when the Jefferson Hotel is to be relevant to the Jefferson Hotel is to be relevant. Against the Equitable Life Assurance Society, based upon an entirely new phase of the insurance law, were served upon counsel for the society to-day by Alexander S. Bacon, as counsel for Rowland D. Buford, a resident of Virginia. The suit is brought in the Supreme Court in this city.

Mr. Buford, we is nearly eighty years and and who has since 1871 kept up file payments upon one of the original line policies, complains that in accumulating a large surplus over the legal required by the court in this city.

The preliminary plans for the Jefferson Hotel have been desided on and there are four architects under my supervision ut its contracts with him. He asks the court to order the directors of the society to divide the excess of surplus so that he will get an "equitable" share, to cause the directors to change snerr policy of accumulating a surplus above what is actually required by law, and to remove the present board of directors and put others in their places unless they carry out the order of the court.

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# sistent with his, declared belief that he is possessed of "familiars" whose mandates he is irresistibly compelled to obey, and that his actions when under their influence he retains no recollection on regaining his normal identity. Wood said he started for Searsdale with Henry Wolf and a man named Mack, for the purpose of getting \$1.000 from Mack's father. They left the train at a railway junction, where they had dinner and drank a glass of beer. According to Wood's attorney, Wolf has no existence except in Wood's imagination. "While sitting in the cars," said Wood, "I feit a queer sensation. A little dark man came in and about the same time olf and Mack disappeared. The little black man and Wolf afterward took a train. All this time I feit queer, and the black man seemed to be drilling a lesson into my mind." Wood denied that he had ever known Williams, or that he had ever seen him to his knowleage. When the direct ques-ON BLACK MOUNTAIN Rowland D. Buford Demands